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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 12

PART B FOR February 1905

SUBJECT.

Appointment of Superintendents and Assistant Superintend of Police as District Plague Officers.

FILE No. 87 of 1904-05.

Appointment of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police as District Plague Officers.

1 From the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, letter No. 2335—257, dated the 30th October 1904.

Requests for reasons stated that the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police may be relieved of their duties as District Plague Officers.

2 To the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government, and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, Circular Letter No. J. 1225—33, dated the 12th November 1904.

Forwards a copy of the above and requests the favor of their opinion on the proposal made therein.

3 From the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, No. 381, dated 17th November 1904.

States that he has no objection to the Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents of Police being relieved of their plague duties.

4 From the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, No. Camp B., dated 19th November 1904.

In his dissent he states that the Police Officers in question are not District Plague Officers entrusted with the administration of plague measures in districts as supposed by the Inspector General of Police, but simply Plague Officers within the meaning of Plague Regulations just in the same way as Assistant Commissioners and District Medical Officers are, with the powers defined in Section 26 of the additional Mofussil Regulations, that they are only Assistants to the Deputy Commissioners in the Plague Department and exercise by virtue of their office as Plague Officers no direct authority over the Assistant Commissioners and the District Medical Officers; and adds that he is not in favor of the proposal of the Inspector General of Police to relieve the Police officers from Plague duties.

5 From the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, No. 429—288, dated 19th November 1904.

States that time has come when the District Police Officers may be divested of the plague work and that the Deputy Commissioners should be able, with the aid of the Revenue Assistant Commissioners, to carry out all measures necessary in connection with this branch.

From the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, No. 101, dated 21st November 1904.

States that he is in charge of the plague operations in his district, being assisted by the *ex-officio* Plague Officer of the Kolar Gold Fields and the District Medical Officer, that the District Superintendent of Police has not been entrusted with these duties and that Mr. Carr's proposal may be accepted.

From the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, letter No. 372, dated 22nd November 1904.

States that the District Plague Administration is personally directed by the Deputy Commissioner with an Assistant in the District Police Officer entrusted with the secondary direction and attention to the smaller details and that the officers of the Medical Department have their own definite sphere of duties, which does not clash with those of the Deputy Commissioner or of the District Plague Officer, and recommends, therefore, that the existing system may be continued without any modification.

From the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore, letter No. G. 297, dated 23rd November 1904.

States that his experience of Police Superintendents as Plague Officers is that they are nearly useless and that the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners are the proper Plague Officers with District Medical and Sanitary Officers to advise.

9 From the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, letter No. Camp 37, dated 1st December 1904.

States that as Amildars and Divisional Assistant Commissioners carry out plague operations under the authority and control of the Deputy Commissioner there is no need that the Police officers in question should retain their *ex-officio* designation as District Plague Officers.

10 From the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, letter No. 438—Secy., dated 21st December 1904.

States that the Police Superintendent is not placed in direct authority over the Revenue Assistant Commissioners in plague matters, that the duty of the Medical officers being to advise the District Plague Officers on professional points, there will be no friction between them and the Police Superintendents, and suggests that as the latter act under the orders of the Deputy Commissioners in plague matters, the existing system may continue.

11 From the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, letter No. 564, dated 7th January 1905.

States that the Superintendent of Police of his district hardly does any plague duty and that he has no objection to the Police Superintendents being relieved of plague duties, which in some cases interfere with their Police work, and further requests that a Special Assistant Commissioner may be appointed for his district for supervising the plague duty as a temporary measure for one year, at the end of which period the advantages of such a service will be reported to the Government.

12 To the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore, the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, the Comptroller in Mysore, Government Order No. J. 2373-2403—Police 87-12, dated 21st February 1905.

Concurs with the proposal of the Inspector General of Police and issues a circular order relieving the Police officers of their duties as District Plague Officers.

G. P. No. Pg. 1265-76, dated 17th April 1900.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(III . Police)

NOTES.

File No.

File Heading.

Appointment of Superintendents + Assistant Superintendents of Police as District Plague officers

From

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

No. 1903 Dated 30-10-04 Received 1-11-04

Diary No. 1903	Enclos -	Spare Copies. -	Serial No. 1

Brief Abstract of Letter.

Requests that Police Superintendents + Assistant Superintendents Police may be relieved of their duties as District Plague officers.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd for orders. The reasons adduced by the Ig. of Police for the divesting of the Supdts of this ~~f~~ duty are :—

1. The Supdts often neglect their ~~legitimate~~ legitimate duty of detection + prevention of Crime. The Ig. Cil

~~1.11.04~~

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the case of Mr Hamilton as an example).

2. The Supdt is placed in direct authority over the Asstt Commissioners in charge of Divisions who under the Deputy Comr ought to exercise direct control over the plague operations in their Divisions, communicate with their powers as Magistrates + Revenue officers.

3. The Supdt, as Dy Plague officer, has to Supervise + control the work of the Civil Surgeon of the Dts + this will lead to friction and disagreeableness.

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4 Perhaps the opinion of the Senior Surgeon + of the Dy Comrs of Districts on the above proposal may be obtained before final orders are passed.

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Draft Subd accordingly

SN 11-11-04 9.11.04

5 Passed 11.11.1904 Issued.

To the Senior Surgeon + Dy Comrs of Districts,

Circular letter No. J 1225-33 dated the 12th Nov. 1904

Calls for the opinion on the above proposal

Letter No. 381 dated the 17th November 1904 from

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Comr. Mysore Dt, stating that he has no objection to the Supts & Asstt Supts of Police being divested of the plague duties.

Letter No: Camp B dated the 18th November 1904, from the Dy Comr Kadur District, stating that the Supt or Asstt Supts of Police are not District Plague officers entrusted with the administration of plague measures in Districts as supposed by the Insp: General of Police but simply plague officers within the meaning of the Plague Regulations just in the same way as Asstt Comrs & Dt Medical Officers &c, with the powers defined in Section 26 of the Addl Mofussil Regulations, and that they are only Assistants to the Dy Comr in the Plague Deptt & exercise by virtue of their office as Plague officers no direct authority over the Asstt Comrs or the Civil Surgeon of the Dt: and that he is therefore not in favour of the proposal of the Dy. to divest the Supts of plague duties.

Letter No. 429/288 dated the 19th November 1904, from the Dy Comr. Shimoga District, stating that he considers that time has arrived when the Dt Police Officers may be divested of the Plague work and that the Dy Comr should be able, with the aid of the Revenue Asstt Commissioners, to carry out all measures necessary in connection with this branch.

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Letter N- 101 dated the 21st Nov: 1904, from the Dy. Comr. Kolar District, stating that he is in charge of the plague operations in his district, being assisted by the Ex-officio Plague Officer of the Kolar Gold fields & the Dt. Medical officer, and that the Dt. Police Supt. has not been entrusted with these duties & that Mr. Carr's proposals may be accepted

Letter N. 372 dated the 22nd November 1904, from the Dy Comr. Tumkur District, stating that the District Plague Administration is personally directed by the Dy Commissioner with an Assistant in the Dt. Police officer entrusted with the Secondary duties and attention to the smaller details and that the Officers of the Medical Dept have their own definite sphere of duties in connection with plague which ought not to clash with that of the Dy Comr. or the Dt. Plague officer and recommending therefore that the existing system may be continued without any modification.

Letter N. G. 297 dated the 23rd November 1904, from the Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Comr. with the Govt, stating that from his experience of Police Supts as Plague officers is that they are nearly useless and that the Dy Comrs & North Comrs are the proper Plague officers, with District Medical & Sanitary officers to advise

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9 Letter No. Camp 37 dated the ~~12th~~ 1st December 1904, from the Dy Comr, Chitaldrug District, stating that as Amildars & Divisional Assistant Commissioners carry out plague operations in their respective charges under the authority & Control of the Dy Commissioner, there is no need that the Supts or Asstt Supts should retain their Ex-officio designation as Dt Plague officers.

10 Letter No. 438 dated the 21st December 1904, from the ~~Inspector General of Police to the~~ Dy Comr, ~~Kadur~~ Hassan District, stating that the Police Supt is not placed in direct authority over the Revenue Assistant Commissioners in Plague matters, that the duty of the medical officers being to advise the Dt Plague officers on professional points, there will be no friction between them & the Police Supts and suggesting that as the Police supts act under the orders of the Dy Comrs in plague matters, the existing arrangement may continue.

11. Letter No. 56 dated the 7th January 1905, from the Dy Comr, Bangalore District, stating that so far as his district is concerned, the Supt of Police does hardly any plague duty and that he has no objection to the Police supts being relieved of plague duties, which in some cases interfere with their police

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work; and requesting that a Spl Asstt Comr may be appointed for his district for supervising the plague duty as a temporary measure for one year at the end of which period the advantages of such a service will be reported to Govt.

~~The Sessions Judges of Bombay Presidency and~~ The Dy Comrs of Kaira, Ahmedabad and Surat are not in favour of the Inspector General's proposal. They recommend the continuance of the existing arrangement for the following reasons: —

Sparkes.

(1) Superintendents of Police are not the Dt Plague Officers ~~who~~ entrusted with the administration of plague Comrs throughout the District as supposed by the Insp. General but simply a plague officer within the meaning of Section 26 of the Additional Mofussil Plague Regulations just as Asstt Comrs + Dt Medical officers are.

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(2) They are only Assistants to Dy Comrs in the plague department and as such have no authority over the Asstt Comrs of Divisions or medical officers.

(3) The duties of the Medical officers being merely to ~~advise~~ give advice on matters affecting plague, do not clash with those of the Dt Plague officers.

(4) If Police Supts be not recognized as plague officers, they will have no status

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under the Plague Regulations & work hence no power to carry out the plague measures under the orders of the Dy Commissioner.

The other Deputy Commissioner and the Senior Surgeon are in favour of the D.C's proposal.

Subd for orders.

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26-1-05

I humbly think I from my own knowledge of the district work, I believe that the Police Supts are not much hampered by plague work. The Inspector-General apparently does not want the officers of his department to be given any other work. Now that Asst Commrs in charge of talukas are required to tour for seven months in the year I think they would be better able to exercise efficient supervision and inspect plague-infected places than police officers with an entire district in their charge. Jas
30/1/1905

Subd & secy, 27. 1.

Submitted to the Dist Sahib thro the 2nd Councillor for orders
30/1/1905

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10 Mysore as to the offices
are in favour of retaining
Superintendent and Head Superintendent
of Plague duty in Bangalore.
also enquiry whether there would
be any objection to the re-
-muneration allowed to the
Medical Officers performing Plague
duties being withdrawn. The control
and supervision of the
Plague Police are vested
in the Superintendent or Head
Superintendent of the Municipality
who is entitled to
receive Rupees fifteen
per mensem. He may continue
to exercise these powers
also if he may have nothing to
do with the Plague in
Bangalore.

31/1/06.

To Branch III
for draft
1.2.1905

Submitted with a draft order.
7/2/05
Draft submitted to the
Dewan Sahib &
8.2.1905

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12 To

The D.G. of Police, in Mysore

" Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Comr. -

" Deputy Commissioners of districts

" Revenue Commissioner in Mysore

" Comptroller -

G.O. nos. 2393-2403/Police 87-12, dated 21.2.05

Concurs with the proposal of the D.G. of Police and issues a circular order relieving the police officers of their duties as district plague officers.

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File No. 87-04-1

S. No. 1.

From,

The Inspector General of Police

in Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the Govt: of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore

in the Genl: & Rev: Departments.

Dated.

Despatched. 1 November 1904

Received.

General No: 2335

No: 257

Enclosure No:

Requesting that Police Superintendents and Assistant Superintendent may be relieved of their duties as District Plague officers

Rep. 6 Nov 1904 —

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Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
Dated, Bangalore, 30th October 1904.
1-11-1904

From,

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To,

B. K. Venkatavardaiengar Esquire,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
in the General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

I have the honor to call the attention of Government to Government Proceedings No: Pg 1265-76 dated 17th April 1900 in which Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police were appointed as District Plague Officers. flag V

This arrangement was no doubt convenient when Plague was first imported into the Province, when riots and disturbances were the order of the day, and when the Inspector General of Police was also Plague Commissioner, and could therefore control the work of his subordinates in both Departments.

The whole aspect of Plague administration has undergone a change; there are seldom if ever any disturb-ances, and the Inspector General of Police is no longer Plague Commissioner.

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Under the present arrangement however, the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Police, still continues to be the District Plague Officer, with the consequence that his more legitimate, and equally important, Police duties have often to be neglected.

To quote a concrete instance of this, a short time ago a Police Superintendent was detained on plague duty, when he should have been investigating a serious case of Dacoity.

Another serious draw-back is, that the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, as District Plague Officer, is placed in direct authority over the Assistant Commissioners in charge of Divisions in the District, who under the Deputy Commissioner ought to exercise direct control over the plague operations in their Divisions, commensurate with their powers as Magistrates and Revenue Officers. Further the District Plague Officer has to supervise and control the plague work of the Civil Surgeon, and the Hospital Assistants in the District, and these officers seldom if ever recognise the nominal authority of the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Police when placed in charge of plague work, and this in many instances leads to friction and disagreeableness with the Medical Department.

I fully recognised these difficulties as a Deputy Commissioner, and during the 6 years I was in charge of the Kadur and Kolar Districts, I never allowed the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent to interfere, even nominally, in the plague administration of the District, but always directed and supervised this important work myself.

It should be of course the duty of all Superintendents or Assistants to report on any important matter regarding plague which comes to their knowledge, during their tours of inspection; and it is equally their duty to aid all officers in the District, by every means in their power, to meet emergencies which may arise with regard to the better guarding and policing of infected areas.

All

All I would ask Government to do is to divest them of the nominal control they now exercise as District Plague Officers, which often gives them an excuse for shirking their more legitimate Police duties.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. Cam

Inspector General of Police.

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Police
File No. 87
Serial No. 2.

*Diary No. of letter replied to*_____

Circular letter
No.

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Police)
, *the* 12/11/04 190 .

To
1. The Senior Surgeon & Sanry Comr. with the Govt.
2. The Deputy Commissioner of the ___ District

Date of issue 12/11/04

Signed by Mr K S Ramachandra Aiyar
N.B. Style & district to my name.

Senior Surgeon: J/1225-33
Police 87-2
By Comr: Bangalore do
do Mysore do
do Kolar do
do Tumkur do
do Hassan do
do Shimoga do
do Kadur do
do Chitaldrug do

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 2335/257 dated the 30th ~~October~~ November 1904, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, requesting that the Police Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents may be relieved of their duties as Plague officers, and to request ~~the favour to kindly~~ the favour of the

over.

SUBJECT.

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Government asks your opinion on the proposal. ~~made by the G.T. of Edie.~~

I have etc

11.11.1904

Secretary

SW 11-11-04 WGL 11-11-04

List of enclosures.

Copied by T.G.H. 12-11-04

Examined by WGL 12-11-04

III/Quarl 1111/(Police) File No. 87-A-5 of 1903
S. No. 3.
1904-05.

From
R. Kanakaraj Urs Esqr B.
Dy Commissioner
Nagore district

To
B. K. Venkatā Dandiengar Esqr
Secy. to the Govt of Nagore
Genl & Revenue Depts

Dated 17.4.04
Despatched 18.4.04

Received

General No. 381
No.

Enclosure No.

Reporting that the
Police Officers engaged
diverted of their Plague
work.

Office of the
Dy Commissioner
Nagpore City

Dated 17th Nov 04
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To

B. K. Venkatadaraiengar Esq
Secy to the Govt of Nagpore
Genl and Rev Depts

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. J. 1225-33 / Police 87-2 dated 12th Nov 1904, calling for my opinion on the Subject of relieving the Police Superintendents and Asst Superintendents of Police of their duties as District Plague Officers, I have the honor to state that the above officers of this District are not in the Administration charge of the Plague Operations, which have been always under the direction and supervision of the Deputy Commissioner. These Police Officers cannot indeed be expected to pay their undivided attention to plague work as their legitimate duties are more important and require frequent elimeration in all the parts of the District. I have therefore no objection to their being divested of the [illegible] more or less nominal, which

they are now doing as District Mag

officers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Commissioner
Mysore Dist

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Area VIII Police File 87-A-05. £1039
S- No 1904.

From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District

To

The Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharajah
of Mysore, General & Rev: Dept:
Bangalore

Dated 18th

Despatched 19 November 1904

Received Camp Kadur

General No.

Camp No. B.

Enclosure No. Nil

Submitting opinion in the matter of reducing the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Police of their duties as District Plague Officers.

From the Commissioner of Police
Kadur District

Dated Tarikere 18th Nov 04.

To

M. Narain Rao Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Police in a District is not the District Magistrate Officer entrusted with the administration of

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of Plague measures throughout the District as seems to have been supposed by the Inspector General, but simply a Plague Officer within the meaning of the Plague Regulations, just as the same may be Assistant Commissioners and the District Medical & Sanitary Officer are, with the powers detailed in Section 26 of the additional Notified Plague Regulations. He is only an Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner in the Plague Department, and ( ) ment and exercises, by virtue of his office as a Plague Officer no direct authority either over the Assistant Commissioners in charge of Talukas or over the Civil Surgeon or Hospital Assistants. His duties as a Plague Officer do not clash with his Police work and the Deputy Commissioner as the Head of the District is responsible for seeing that his Police Assistant is not employed on Plague work to the prejudice of his Police duties. If the Police Assistant be not recognized as a Plague Officer, he will have no status under the Plague Regulations and no power to carry them out under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner

commissioner. Under these circumstances, I should not weaken the hands of the Subcommissioner by declaring that his Police assistant shall not be employed on Plague work at all. His opportunities for having a disciplined Police force stationed at important places all over the District immediately under him, render the Police assistant a very useful agent in carrying out Plague measures under existing arrangements.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Subcommissioner

Kadiri District

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(Police) File No. 87 & 1040.
190 & No. 5.

From

Mr. S Narayana Rao Esqr
Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

To

B K Venkatavardaiengar Esqr
Secretary to the Government
General and Revenue Dept.

Dated 19th November 1904.

Despatched

Received

General No. 429
No. 288.

Enclosure No.

With reference to your No. J1225-33 dated Police 87-2 12th November 1904 forwarding for opinion copy of letter No. 2335-25 dated 1st November 1904 states that the District Police Officers may be divested of Magisterial Preventive work.

No. 429/288

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Shimoga District
Dated 19th November 1904.

From,
M. S. Narayana Rao Esqre
Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

To,
B. K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esqre.
Secretary to the Government
General and Revenue Dept.

Sir,

In reply to your No. J/1225-33 Police 87-2 dated 12th November 1904 forwarding for opinion copy of letter No. 2335-257 dated 1st November 1904 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore requesting that the Police Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents may be accorded of their duties as District Plague Officers, I have the honour to state that I consider that the time has arrived when

the District Police Officers may be directed of Deaths, Prevalence &c. The Deputy Commissioners shall with the aid of the Government Assistant Commissioners be able to carry out all necessary in connection with this branch of the service

I have the honor to be

&c.

Your most obedient Servant

Commissioner

Deputy Commissioner

Shimoga District.

Read

No 101 (Police)

File No: 87-04-05.. Dated 21st November 1904.

S. No 6

From

K.P. Puttanna Chetty Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

Kolar District.

To,

B. K. Venkatarayada Iyengar Esq.

Secretary to the Govt of His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore

Jail & Revenue departments

Get Mail Rec. 22/11/04.

With reference to your letter No.

J 1225-33 / Police 87-2 dated the 12th instant, I have

the honor to state that I have been in

direct charge of plague operations

in this District, assisted by Dr

Krishnaswamy Iyer, ex-officio

Plague officer of Bowringpet

Taluk

Taluk including Kolar Gold Fields, and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of the Kolar District. The Police Superintendents of this District have not been entrusted with any work connected with Plague, beyond rendering such help as may be required by the District Medical officers and the Amildars in the District.

2. Mr. Carr's proposal may be accepted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. M. Mackenzie

Deputy Commissioner

Kolar District

III Order 2811 Others File No 87 of 1091
1904-5-No 7

From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esqr.

Deputy Commissioner

Tumkur District

To

B.K.Venkatavarada IyengarEsqr.

Secretary to the Govt.of H.H.

the Maharaja of Mysore Genl.and

Dated Camp Kunigal 22nd } Rev. Depts.
Despatched 26th } November 1904.

Received

General No. 372
No.

Enclosure No. / file (3)

His letter No.J.1225-33--Police 87-2 dated the 12th Novr. 1904,

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Furnishing Opinion on the proposal made by the I.G.P. in his letter No. 2335/257 dated the 1st Novr.1904 to divest District Police Superintendents of their Plague duties&c.

Forwarded to Secretariat with my letter dated 7-12-04 in file

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No. Deputy Commissioner's Office,

Camp Kunigal-------- dated 22nd November 1904

From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esqr.

Deputy Commissioner

Tumkur District.

To

B.K.Venkatavarada Iyengar Esqr.

Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja

of Mysore Genl. and Rev. Depts.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No.J.1225-33---Pclice 87-2 dated the 12th instant forwarding for opinion copy of a letter No. 2335-257 dated the 1st instant from the Inspector General of Police recommending that Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police may be relieved of their Plague duties .

2. I am not so very sure that the reason for appointing the District Police Officers as Plague Officers lay in the fact that riots and disturbances were the order of the day or in the fact that the Inspector General of Police held also the Office of Plague Commissioner. The reason I believe was that the Police Superintendent had his duties over the whole District while the Assistant Commissioner's charges comprised only portions of a District and obviously the duties required in connection with the Plague Regulations would be carried out with more uniformity over the whole District when entrusted to one Officer acting under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner than when divided among so many Assistant Commissioners though also acting under the Deputy Commissioner's orders. And further there was the

the question of cost for consideration . When there was a trained body of men used already to certain duties in a season of cholera and used also to look up to the Deputy Commissioner's Police Assistant as their Superior Officer it was distinctly advantageous to employ those men on Plague duty and to entrust the supervision of that duty to the Police Superintendent rather than to create a divided control by distributing the overseeing of their work to the Assistant Commissioners or to incur a large expenditure in special Plague establishments for each Assistant Commissioner. Riots and disturbances had nothing to do with the question so far as I know . In Mysore and Bangalore there were special Plague Officers who were not Police Superintendents and special establishments for them . As a matter of fact on the 7th April 1900 the date of the order quoted in Mr. Carr's letter Mr. Rangasami Iyengar was the Inspector General of Police and he was not Plague Commissioner in addition. Some two years previously he had succeeded Mr. V .P .Madhava Rao as Inspector General .

3. A few specific instances of how a Superintendent's Police duties suffered owing to his Plague duties would be useful as helping to an accurate estimate of the duties that suffered.

One concrete case is alluded to as an instance . But it is no instance at all for the Superintendent was not detained on Plague duty " when he should have been investigating a serious case of dacoity". I beg you to be so good as to refer to my letter from Mysore dated the 20th October last -- paras 3, 4 and 5--- in which were explained the exact circumstances under which Mr. Haudin was detained at Tumkur. I beg a reference also to the communications quoted in that letter. I had sent Government only extracts from the Police Superintendent's diary for the week ended with the 27th August last and now

now in answer to the Inspector General of Police I. cannot do better than submit the diary itself with a request that you may kindly read it from end to end. The point in question is of grave import to me and I cannot too earnestly press for a careful consideration of it . My letter of the 20th ultimo contains full explanations upon all points.

4. Referring to the diary I am sending herewith I beg to inform you that the Inspector General of Police had called for it for submission to Government but as I had to send it to Government as an enclosure to this letter I informed him that I would beg Government to take it that their requisition to him was complied by me on his behalf.

5. In no District that I have served was a Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Police ever " placed in direct authority over the Assistant Commissioners in charge of divisions in the District";or even in indirect authority. No District Plague Officer had ever attempted " to supervise and control the plague work of the Civil Surgeon" or of the Assistant Surgeon" and the Hospital Assistants in the District" and so far as my knowledge extends I can quote no instance of " friction or disagreeableness with the medical department." The officers of the medical department have their own definite sphere of duties in connection with Plague which ought not to clash with that of the Deputy Commissioner or the District Plague Officer.

6. Our Plague duties are so important that it will be found as a rule that the District Plague Administration is personally directed by the Deputy Commissioner, with an Assistant in the District Police Officer entrusted with the secondary direction and attention to the smaller details.

7. I would take the liberty of strongly deprecating any

measure

measure that would divest the District Police Officers.of their duties as Plague Officers. The difficulty experienced in the Kadur and Kolar Districts would not seem to have been experienced in other Districts and further the three heads of the Police department immediately following Mr. Madhava Rao had not ~~the~~ found the Plague duties of a Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent interfering with his Police duties for otherwise they would doubtless have reported on the matter.

8. In my humble opinion it is most desirable to continue the existing arrangement without any modification as from all points of view it is a well considered arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Deputy Commissioner.

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No.G. 297 Dated Bangalore 23rd November 1904.

From

Lt. Col. John Smyth M.D.,I.

Offg.Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner

with the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of

Mysore, Bangalore.

To

B.K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esqr.,

Secretary to the Government of H.H. the

Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue

Departments, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your No.J.1225-33/police 87-2, dated 12-11-04 requesting my opinion anent the relief of the Superin-tendents and the Assistant Superintendents of Police from their duties, as District Plague Officers, I have the honor to state, that my experience of Police Superintendents as Plague Officers is, that they are nearly useless, their reports are not worth the paper used for conveying them for they don't know what they ought to report. These reports all give the impression of be-ing purely perfunctory. The Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners are the proper Plague Officers, with District Me-dical and Sanitary Officer to advise.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M.D.
Lt.Col.I.M.S.
Offg.Senior Surgeon and Sany.Commr.,

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Plague 4/11

(Police) File No. 8 of 1867.

1905 No. 8.

From Lt. Col. J. Smyth M.D., I.M.S.
Offg.
THE SENIOR SURGEON AND
SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
MYSORE GOVERNMENT,
BANGALORE.

To

B. K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esqr
Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
Genl & Rev. Depts
Bangalore

Dated 23rd Nov. 04 of G.A.A. No Maharaja

Despatched

Received

General No. G297
No.

Enclosure No. Nil

Inviting opinion and
the relief of the Superintendents
and the Asstt Superintendents
of Police from their duties,
as Dist Plague Officers

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1904 File No. 87-A-05. S. No. 9.

FROM H Ramanujaiengar Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District.

To B.K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Departments

Dated Bangalore
Despatched 1st December 1904
Received

Camp
~~General~~ No. 37.
No.

Enclosure No. —

Submitting opinion on the subject of relieving Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of their duties as District Plague Officers.

Camp No. 20
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Deputy Commissioner's Office
Chitaldrug District

Dated Camp Heriyur, 1st December 1904

From

A. Ranganujaengar Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

To

B. K. Venkatavaradaengar Esq
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue departments,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. J 1225-33 Police 87-2 dated 12th ultimo, forwarding for my opinion copy of letter No. 2335/257 dated 1st ultimo from the Inspector General of Police on the subject of relieving Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of their duties as District Plague Officers, I have the honor to state that as Amildars and Assistant Commissioners in charge of Divisions carry out plague operations in their respective Charges under the authority and control of the Deputy Commissioner,

there

there appears no need that Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents should retain their Ex-Officio designation as District Plague Officers. This would of course in no way lessen their responsibility for making efficient police arrangements for guarding both the health camps and the evacuated towns and villages.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Deputy Commissioner
Chittagong District

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A No 10 Deputy Commissioner's Office
Haveri District
Dated: December 1904

From

H. H. Starkie Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner
Haveri District

To B. K. Venkatavaradiengar Esquire
Secretary to the Government of
H H the Maharaja of Mysore
Jen & Revs Dept to;
Bangalore,

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No
J 1225-33 / Police 87-2 calling for an expression of
opinion on the proposal of the —
Inspector General of Police, that Police
Superintendents and Assistant-
Superintendents may be relieved
of their duties as District Plague Of-
ficers, I have the honor to state that
Government in order No Pg. 1265-76 dated
17th April 1900, while passing orders
on

III Quest 7 1/12 Plague File No: 87 of 1904-05 S.P. 6304

1904-05.

From L. H. Sparkes Esqr
Dy. Commissioner
Harihar Distt.

To B. K. Venkataravaniengar Esqr
Secretary to the Govt. of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore
Secretariat Depts
Bangalore

Dated 21st December 04

Despatched

Received

General No. 438

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Enclosure No 6

Submitting that the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent of Policemay continue to be the District Plague Officer

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Gd. Hon replies 4/1 22 Nov

On the Memorandum of the Plague Commissioner containing proposals for the reduction of Plague Establishment directed that the District Police officer, will under the order of the Deputy Commissioner be responsible for carrying out the plague measures in the District and the Amildar and Police Inspectors of the several Talukas will be responsible for the efficient working of the Plague Regulations in their Talukas". The Revenue Assistant Commissioner have, so far from having any direct interference in the working of the District Plague Department, to watch the situation and use their personal endeavours in inducing people for prompt evacuation and other allied matters while on tour. The Police Superintendent is therefore not placed in direct authority over the Revenue Assistant Commissioner in Plague

matters

matter as stated by the Inspector General of Police in his letter to Government on the subject.

2. Secondly the Inspector General of Police in his letter above quoted states that the District Plague Officers' supervision and control of the work of the Civil Surgeon and other subordinate staff of the Medical Department leads to friction between them. The Officers of the Medical Department are expected to advise the District Plague Officer and other Officers from a professional point of view which the Assistant with his staff is expected to carry out by tact and skill. The spheres of the two being different though striving to attain the same object no misunderstanding can arise and no such case has come to my notice. On the other hand, mutual cooperation and good will has till now been the rule

in this District.

3. The smooth working of the measures in the Taluks is largely due to the mutual good understanding of the Amildar and the Taluk Police Inspector. When the Police Superintendent as proposed by the Inspector General of Police is directed of the Plague administration, he naturally views the plague duty of his officers in the Taluk with less favour and the consequence is the friction between the Amildar and the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent and the neglect of Plague work on the part of Police subordinates.

3. The Police Superintendent being an officer whose legitimate duties extend to the whole District and having a staff on whom devolves the protection of the person and property of the public, is

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specially adapted for the work of plague preventive measures. The plague policy of Government has undergone an immense change and the people themselves voluntarily adopt preventive measure when necessary and therefore cases wherein the Police Superintendent can plead his plague work as an excuse for failing to attend to more important work of the Police Department cannot be supported, and all Superintendents may be directed to seek the special instructions of the Deputy Commissioner on such emergent occasions.

4. Moreover the Police Superintendent acts under the direct orders of the Deputy Commissioner in plague matters and to legalize his proceedings he has been doing the

the District Plague Officer.

5. For the foregoing reasons I am of opinion that the Police Superintendents may continue to be District Plague Officers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

H H Sparke
Deputy Commissioner
Karaan District.

III annual returns (Police) J-1434

1904.5 File No. 87 pages

From

The Dy. Commissioner
Bangalore Distt.

To

The Secretary to the
Govt. of Mysore
Genl. & Rev. Depts.

Dated 7 January 1905.

Despatched/o

Received

General No.
S No. 564.

Enclosure No.

Secys No. J 1225-33 of
Police 87-2
12.11.04.

Submits his opinion
on the subject of relieving
Distt. Police Officers of
their duties as District
Plague Officers.

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No. 564

Bangalore District
Deputy Commissioner's Office
Bangalore 7th January 1865.

From

D. Lewin Bowring Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To

B. K. Venkatavardayengar Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
of Mysore General and
Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. J 1220-33 Dated 12th November
Pcm 87-2
last, forwarding for opinion copy of the letter from the Inspector General of Police recommending that Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police may be relieved of their plague duties, I have the honor to state that so far as this District is concerned the Superintendent of Police does hardly any plague

Supervision business as the Police duties themselves are heavy. But it is different as regards smaller Districts However, since the division of the Districts into Revenue Ranges, the Divisional Assistant Commissioners themselves must or can attend to the plague duties. I have no objection therefore to the Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents of Police being relieved of this extra duty which in some Cases interferes with Police work.

It may not be out of place here to state that as regards the District of Bangalore neither the Superintendent of Police, nor the Divisional Officers could be expected to perform plague supervision as effectively as it is necessary, inasmuch as their work, viz. Revenue

minal and miscellaneous, such as attending to the Military requisitions which are received almost every day of the year, does not admit of their paying special attention to this important work, in which nothing beyond prompt action has found to be the most effectual remedy. As such it seems highly desirable to give an additional Assistant Commissioner to this District, who will all the year round attend to plague duty under the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner and will in other matters work as a personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner. In my short experience in this District, I have found much laxity on the part of the Municipal

in their plague duty and
this Cavity cannot effectually
be checked without Constant
Supervision over them - I
would therefore urge on the
Consideration of Govern-
-ment the desirability
of appointing a Special
Assistant Commissioner
for Plague duty, in this
District, as a Temporary
measure for a period
of one year at the
end of which the advantages
of such a Service will
be represented to Government

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

Deputy Commissioner

File no: 87
Vernal No.12.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Letter No.2335/257 dated the 30th October 1904, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, requesting for reasons stated that the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police may be relieved of their duties as District Plague Officers.

(Print in Extenso).

2. The following communications from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, expressing their opinion on the Inspector General's proposal as called for in letter No.J.1225-33/Police 87-2 dated the 12th November 1904.

1. Letter No.G.297 dated the 23rd November 1904, from the Senior Surgeon &c
2. Letter No.381 dated the 17th November 1904, from the Dy.Comr.Mysore &c.
3. Letter No. B dated the 18th November 1904, from the Dy. Comr. Kadur Dt.
4. Letter No.429/288 dated the 19th November 1904, from the Dy.Comr. Shimoga District.
5. Letter No.101 dated the 21st November 1904, from the Dy.Comr.Kolar &c.
6. Letter No.372 dated the 22nd November 1904, from the Dy.Comr.Tumkur &c
7. Letter No.37 dated the 1st December 1904, from the Dy.Comr.Chitaldrug &c
8. Letter No.438 dated the 21st December 1904, from the Dy.Comr.Hassan Dt.
9. Letter No.564 dated the 7th January 1905, from the Dy.Comr.Bangalore Dt

Rec'd 22.2.05.

Order thereon No. J 2392-2403 Police-87-12 / 21/2/05

The majority of the District Officers consulted are in favour of relieving the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police of their functions as District Plague officers. The Senior Surgeon also supports this view. The Government consider that there is no meterial objection to the Inspector General's proposals being carried out and that the ~~Divisional~~ Revenue officers may with advantage be entrusted with the ~~work~~ of carrying out the plague preventive measures within their jurisdiction, in place of Police Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. Government therefore direct that ~~the~~ para 17 of their order No.Pg.1265-76 dated the 17th April 1900 be modified as follows:- Flag I

"The Revenue Assistant Commissioners in charge of ~~Divisions~~ Taluks ~~(including the Treasury Assistant Commissioners if any in charge of Talukas)~~ will, under the orders of their Deputy Commissioners, be responsible for carrying out the necessary plague preventive measures in their respective charges; and the Amildars will in like manner be responsible for the efficient working of the plague Regulations in their Taluks. Temporary Coolies will be entertained by the police with the permission of the Amildar as occasion arises for disinfection work etc, for which purpose an imprest of Rs.50/- will be allowed for each Taluk. The Amildars will intimate to the Deputy Commissioner through the ~~Divisional~~ Assistant Commissioner concerned the number of coolies employed by them from time to time and obtain

his orders on the subject".

2. Para 18 of the same order appointing Police Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents as plague officers, will be cancelled.

3. The control and supervision of the plague police will however remain ~~vested~~ as heretofore ~~in~~ with the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of police who will however willingly cooperate with Sanitary Commissioner and carry out their directions so far as the help of this special police will be required for plague purposes.

8.2.1905

Secretary.

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

The Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

18/2/1905

The Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Copy to the L.B.Branch, plague and Sanitary Section, for information and note.

"By Order"

Secretary.

Copied dt. 20/2/05

Examined. SN 20/2/05